

# **Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band**

## **A Band For All Seasons**

The community spirit that was a key ingredient in 19th century community bands is alive and well in the spirit of the Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band. Indoors or out, the SMCCB offers high quality performances for a broad spectrum of musical tastes. The band performs in true community style, playing in town parks, commons, fields and gazebos throughout the summer. In spring, fall and winter months, the band performs a wide variety of indoor concerts.



The SMCCB is a 501(c)(3)\* non-profit organization and a member of The Association of Concert Bands. Established in 1976, the band performs a wide range of music including classical, semi-classical, Broadway and film, marches, jazz, pop, and novelty tunes.

This approximately 40 member band is made up of people who play for the love of music, for the fun of it. They range in age from high school through the golden years; yet all the band members bring with them a wealth of talent, experience and enthusiasm. New members are welcome and do not have to face the often-arduous ordeal of auditioning; the only requirement to join is a love of music.

### **Our Conductor**

Bruce Houston directed bands and orchestras in the public schools of Massachusetts for 35+ years. Mr. Houston holds degrees from Syracuse University, Harvard University, and Southern Oregon University. He completed Advanced Graduate Study in Conducting at Southern Oregon University's American Band College.

As a bass trombonist, Mr. Houston has performed with the Concord (MA) Orchestra, Boston Jazz Orchestra, Sabby Lewis Big Band, Claudio Roditi/Mark Harvey All-Stars Big Band, Metropolitan Wind Symphony (Boston), Bay Colony Brass Ensemble, and the New England Philharmonic Orchestra. He has also toured with the U. S. Army 5th Division Band.

Mr. Houston has studied conducting at workshops under the batons of Frederick Fennell, Robert Ponto, Alfred Reed, Karel Husa, Francis McBeth, Donald Matran, Mike Bankhead, Philippe Langlet, Claude Pichaureau, and Tim Lautzenheiser.

Mr. Houston is a member of Massachusetts Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, International Association of Jazz Educators, and the National Band Association.

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The band rehearses at Medway Community Church on Route 109 most Monday evenings from 7:15pm-9:30pm. Website: <http://smccb.com> or call 508-877-0635 for a current rehearsal and performance schedule.

For information on how to hire the Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band to perform in your community, call 508-877-0635 or email [music@smccb.com](mailto:music@smccb.com).

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